Statement

List of cases pending for installation in Vasundhara exchange area since January' 2007to till date.

SI. No.	Name and Address	Telephone No. added	Likely Date of installation
1.	M/s Ecotech Realtoss P. Ltd., LG-4, Sec.-12VSD	2884385	Feb'2008
2.	Sh. M.C. Gautam, LG-9, Sec.-12, VSD	2884387	Feb'2008
3.	M/s S.M. Associates, FF-7, Sec-12, VSD	2884388	Feb'2008
4.	Sh. Pankaj Yadav, 12/86, Sec-7, VSD	2884391	Feb'2008
5.	Sh. Ratan Singh, 3/1137, VSD	2881137	Feb'2008
6.	Sh. Rajnish Kumar, 4C/1018, VSD	2885820	15.12.2007
7.	Sh. J.K. Sharma, 5/792, VSD	2885745	Feb'2008
8.	Smt. Reena, 464-A, Prahladgari, VSD	2884337	15.122007
9.	Sh. V.K. Jain, 17-H/473, VSD	2882186	15.12.2007
10.	Sh. Kapil Sharma, 14/126, VSD	2881783	Feb'2008
11.	SK. Sanjam Bhardwaj, B-605, Himalaya, VSD	2881808	Feb'2008
12.	Sh. Jitender Goel, 16-A/2110, VSD	2884367	Feb'2008
13.	M/s Navyug Consultancy P. Ltd., 16/405, VSD	2883627	15.12.2007
14.	Sh. Balraj, B-3, Parivahan, Sec.5, VSD	2883201	Feb'2008
15.	Sh. Suman Kumar, 16/361, VSD	2882206	15.12.2007
16.	Sh. Navneet Chaudhary, 10-C/31, VSD	2880333	Feb'2008

Village Public Telephones

8. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as against the target of providing Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in 66,822 uncovered villages under the programme, only 30,251 villages have been provided VPTs as on August 31, 2006;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the delay;

(c) whether Government is hopeful that by the end of November 2007 all the 66,822 revenue villages in the country will be provided with the public telephone; and

(d) whether an estimated sum of Rs. 451 Crores would be incurred to provide subsidy support for these VPTs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement entered with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) 66,822 remaining unconnected villages in the country are to be provided Village Public Telephones (VPTs) by November, 2007. This excludes villages having population less than 100, lying in thick forest areas/naxalite infested areas. As on 31.08.2006, 30,251 villages have been provided with VPTs and as on 30.09.2007, a total of 50,520 VPTs have been provided. The remaining 16,302 villages are likely to be provided with VPT facility by June, 2008, primarily due to delay in availability of satellite transponders which were allocated earlier on Indian Satellite, INSAT-4C.

(d) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 88.58 crore has been disbursed by USOF as subsidy support for provision of these VPTs as on 30th September, 2007.

Allocation of 2G Spectrum

9. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the methodology followed for allocation of 2G Spectrum till now;

(b) whether it is a fact that a net set of guidelines have been issued by his Ministry for allocation of 2G Spectrum; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The initial spectrum for 2G is allotted to the mobile telecom operators in accordance with the relevant provisions of their Service License Agreement. With growth of service and increased subscriber base, additional spectrum is allotted, taking into account the subscriber based eligibility criteria, justification and subject to availability of spectrum in a telecom service area.

(b) and (c) A Committee has been set up to recommend the revised subscriber based spectrum allocation criteria for allotment of 2G Spectrum. However, the matter is *sub-judice* in Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)

Status of Postal Life Insurance Scheme cases

10. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of cases for settlement of Postal Life Insurance Scheme are pending with Dak Adalat during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how many cases have been settled and how many eases are pending during this year;

(c) whether it is a fact that some files relating to the cases are not traceable due to which the common people suffer heavily; and

(d) the reasons for delay and action being taken against the officials who are responsible for loss of files?